

MINUTES: Centerville Township Windmill Ordinance Committee, October 23, 2006

Present: Molly Hyde, Carolyn Weed, Travis Nelson, Gary Cook, Richard Light, Richard Kobetz, David Wurm

Absent: Joseph Czerniak, Mark Zemanek, Dale Pleva

The first order of the meeting tonight was to address our need for a chairman. Mr. Nelson was chosen last week to conduct our meetings, due to the frequent absences of Mr. Zemanek, however he did not want to be chairman. The committee has decided to replace Mr. Zemanek with Ms. Weed and Mr. Nelson acting as co-chairmen. Mr. Nelson will conduct the remaining committee meetings and Ms. Weed will act as spokesperson for the committee at our meetings and future planning and township meetings as needed.

The committee continued to look at language for our rough draft. Mr. Light had prepared proposed language for separability, enforcement, penalties, certifications of insurance and removal.

Financial responsibility was discussed as it pertained to the possibility of damage to roads. Is it possible to collect a one-time up front fee? Should the applicant pay for experts or consultants to estimate costs? Should a fund be established for that? Determining the conditions of the road before and after may be the most accurate. Maybe this would be the county's responsibility since these are county roads. Mr. Nelson stated the township could determine what is necessary through the application process. Mr. Light said we should write permissive language to account for items that may arise that have not been specified.

Mr. Kobetz said we should consider issuing an operating permit in addition to the special land use permit. Otsego has operating permit language in their ordinance. This could ensure that a system is compliant with regulations. Mr. Cook referred to the health permit requirements in the Shawano ordinance. They speak to wells and the effect soil erosion; sedimentation and drainage ditches might have on ground water. The health department would want to know about roads, etc. This should be included in the site plan.

Evidence of any required permits should be part of the application process. This is the prime opportunity to control what is in the best interest of the community. It is also important for the applicant to prove that they are complying with all permits required during various stages, i.e. construction codes, electric codes, FAA, etc. We could include a revocation of permit for not meeting codes or requirements that would mean stopping operations until compliant.

The next meeting will be November 6.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Hyde